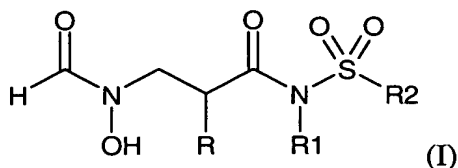


Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended): A compound according to formula (I):



wherein:

R is selected from the group consisting of:

C₂₋₆ alkyl (optionally substituted by alkoxy, halogen, or C₁₋₃ alkylsulfanyl);
C₂₋₆ alkenyl (optionally substituted by alkoxy, halogen, or C₁₋₃ alkylsulfanyl);
C₂₋₆ alkynyl (optionally substituted by alkoxy, halogen, or C₁₋₃ alkylsulfanyl);
(CH₂)_n—C₃₋₆ carbocycle (optionally substituted by alkoxy, halogen, or C₁₋₃ alkylsulfanyl); and (CH₂)_n—R₄, wherein R₄ is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, furan, benzofuran, thiophene, benzothiophene, tetrahydrofuran, tetrahydropyran, dioxane, 1,4-benzodioxane or benzo[1,3]dioxole; R₄ is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from Cl, Br, I, C₁₋₃ alkyl (optionally substituted by one to three F) and C₁₋₂ alkoxy (optionally substituted by one to three F);

R₁ represents hydrogen or C₁₋₄ alkyl;

R₂ represents C₁₋₆ alkyl, ArC₁₋₄ alkyl, wherein substitution is through the alkyl carbon, or Ar;

Ar is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, naphthyl, furyl, pyridyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, imidazolyl, imidazolidinyl, benzofuranyl, indolyl, thiazolidinyl, isoxazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, morpholinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, pyrrolyl, and pyrimidyl; all of which may be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more Z₁ or Z₂ groups;

Z₁ and Z₂ are, independently, selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, (CH₂)_nCO₂R₁, C(O)NRR₁, CN, (CH₂)_nOH, NO₂, halogen, NR₂, and NHC(O)R₂; and

n is an integer from 0 to 4; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Currently amended): A compound according to claim 1 selected from the group consisting of:

N-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]heptanoyl}benzenesulfonamide[.];

4-Chloro-N-{2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]heptanoyl}
benzenesulfonamide[.];

4-tert-Butyl-N-{2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]heptanoyl}
benzenesulfonamide[.];

N-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]heptanoyl}methanesulfonamide[.];

Butane-1-sulfonic acid {2[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]heptanoyl}amide[.];

Propane-2-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-heptanoyl}
amide[.];

4-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]heptanoylsulfamoyl}benzoic acid methyl
ester[.];

4-Chloro-N-{2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-3-phenyl-propanoyl}
benzenesulfonamide[.];

N-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-3-phenyl-propanoyl}
benzenesulfonamide[.];

5-Methyl-pyridine-2-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]
heptanoyl} amide[.];

N-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-4-phenyl-butanoyl}
benzenesulfonamide[.];

Butane-1-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-4-phenyl-
butanoyl}amide[.];

Propane-2-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-3-phenyl-
propanoyl} amide[.];

Biphenyl-4-sulfonic acid {2-[(formyl-hydroxy-amino)-methyl]-heptanoyl}-
amide[.];

5-Dimethylamino-naphthalene-1-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino) methyl] heptanoyl} amide[.];

4-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]heptanoylsulfamoyl} benzoic acid propyl ester[.];

Naphthalene-1-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl] heptanoyl} amide[.];

N-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-5-methylhexanoyl} benzenesulfonamide[.];

5-Methyl-pyridine-2-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-5-methyl-hexanoyl} amide[.];

4-Dimethylamino-N-{2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-5-methyl-hexanoyl} benzenesulfonamide[.];

N-[2-(2,6-Dichloro-benzyl)-3-(formylhydroxyamino)propanoyl] benzenesulfonamide[.];

Dimethylamino-N-{2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]heptanoyl} benzenesulfonamide[.];

5-Methyl-pyridine-2-sulfonic acid [2-(2,6-dichlorobenzyl)-3-(formylhydroxyamino) propanoyl] amide[.];

5-Dimethylamino-naphthalene-1-sulfonic acid [2-(2,6-dichlorobenzyl)-3-(formylhydroxyamino)propanoyl] amide[.];

N-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]heptanoyl}-4-methyl-benzenesulfonamide[.];

N-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]heptanoyl}-4-phenoxy-benzenesulfonamide[.];

N-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]heptanoyl}-4-methoxy-benzenesulfonamide[.];

5-Methyl-pyridine-2-sulfonic acid {3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-[(formylhydroxyamino) methyl]propanoyl} amide[.];

N-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]hexanoyl} benzenesulfonamide[.];

5-Dimethylamino-naphthalene-1-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino) methyl] hexanoyl} amide[.];

N-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]hexanoyl}-4-phenoxy-benzenesulfonamide[.];

5-Dimethylamino-naphthalene-1-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-3-methyl-butanoyl} amide[.];

5-Dimethylamino-naphthalene-1-sulfonic acid {(R)-2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl] heptanoyl} amide[.];

5-Dimethylamino-naphthalene-1-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]pentanoyl} amide[.];

Biphenyl-4-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]pentanoyl} amide[.];

Biphenyl-4-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)-methyl]-4-methyl-pentanoyl} amide[.]; and

5-Dimethylamino-naphthalene-1-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-4-methyl-pentanoyl} amide[.]; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3. (Currently amended): A method of treating a bacterial infection by administering to a subject in need of treatment a compound according to claim 1; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
4. (New): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.